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NEXT MONTH Dr Robert E. Greenwood's story about seven-sided coinage and the conclusion on Coin Photography

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REMEMBER The of December is the deadline for the January 1983 issue of TNA NEWS

THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN

Lee Grossman,
San Antonio, Tx

MICHAEL IV, THE PAPHLAGONIAN

"IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME"

Romanus III Argyrus was in his sixties when he became a Byzantine emperor on Nov. 12, 1028 A.D. History tells us that he was not a very good emperor. Not being a soldier was also against him. Wars were fought and won by his troops, but his generals got all the glory. Romanus received none. He had been the Eparch of Constantinople when Emperor Constantine VIII was placed on his deathbed. Since Constantine had no male offspring to succeed him, he chose the honorable, learned, intelligent Romanus to marry his second daughter, Zoe (Eudocia, the eldest, joined a nunnery.) Romanus was already married and had been for many years, but Constantine's messengers took the wife off and placed her in a nunnery. This left Romanus free to marry the beautiful Zoe, when Constantine VIII died, Romanus became emperor and Zoe became empress.

The young Empress soon began looking for a more youthful lover. She chose Michael Paphlagonia, who was young and handsome. Michael was a frequent visitor at the palace, as his brother John, was the palace eunuch. Soon everyone at the palace knew that Zoe was entertaining Michael in her rooms. Everyone but Romanus.

By 1034 A.D., Zoe and Michael were plotting to murder the old emperor and it should come as no surprise that

the old boy was found floating in his pool on Good Friday, April 11 of that year. History indicates that the emperor had been showing physical evidence that he was slowly being poisoned. His whole face became swollen and grayish in color. His breathing was fast, he had to rest frequently and almost all of his hair had fallen out. It has been written that the emperor was a strong swimmer for a man his age, and that some of Zoe's servants held his head under water and then left the area. Romanus was left alone in the pool. He rose to the surface, and floated for a time before being pulled from the pool by another being pulled from the pool by other servants passing by the water. Apparently no one tried to revive him. The doctors were sent for, but by the time they arrived, Romanus had expired.

Zoe wasted no time in marrying Michael, who ascended the throne as Emperor Michael IV, the Paphlagonian, the very next day.

While Michael suffered from grand mal seizures (severe epileptic fits), it did not prevent him from being a brave and capable emperor. He left the administration of business to his brother, John the Eunuch, who was cruel, especially in exorting taxes. This caused a rebellion by the Slavs, but it was put down by Michael, who personally led his troops. Total

exhaustion from the fighting and seizures proved to be too much for Michael, and he became ill and died soon after his return to Constantinople (Dec 10, 1041). His nephew, Michael V Calaphates, succeeded to the throne, but he lasted less than six months. Michael V was tyrannical. He had Theodora (Zoe's youngest sister) put away in a convent, when she objected to his ruling of the empire. When the citizens learned of this, they found Theodora and brought her back to Constantinople. Michael V and his uncle, John, decided to leave and left the city by sea. Both were located by the citizens and punished by being blinded with hot pokers.

The Empress Zoe and her younger sister, Theodora, ruled jointly from April 21 to June 12, 1042 A.D., when the inept women were succeeded by Constantine IX.

My coin is an Anonymous bronze coinage, Class C. It has been attributed to the reign of Michael IV. The coin is listed as SEAR #1825. The obverse has "+ RMMA" on the left, and "NOVHA" on the right, with a half length figure of Christ, standing, facing, wearing a numbus cruciger, pallium and colobium, raising His right hand in benediction. In His left is the Book of Gospels. At His right shoulder are the letters IC and XF is at the left shoulder. Translated "+EMMAHOVHA" means "EMMANUEL," while IC and XC means "JESUS CHRIST."

The reverse side has a jeweled cross with pellets (dots) at each end in the angles. In the corners are the letters IC, XC, NI and KA which translates to "MAY JESUS CHRIST

CONQUER. These types of coins were amongst the earliest coins to depict Christ. The coins circulated about the time of the First Crusade. The religious theme indicates the religious feelings of the times.

Gold stamenon nomisma (a thin, sometimes scyphate coin) is a fairly rare coin listed at \$540 and up in very fine condition (1974 prices). Remember, debasement of Byzantine gold coinage began during this reign.

Bronze coins of Michael IV were all of the anonymous type. The *Follis* ranges from \$15 in fine to several hundred in the higher grades. Dr. Rynearson lists a large bronze, Christ legend as an R-4 (scarce with a \$15 value) as of 1971. He also lists a gold nomisma, emperor bust of Christ, as very scarce.

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GLOSSARY

COLOBIUM — Sleeveless or short-sleeved tunic used as an ecclesiastical vestment, a similar garment worn as a Coronation robe.

EPARCH — A Prefect governor or administrator; the most important civil official in Constantinople after the emperor himself.

NIMBUS CRUCIGER — Halo with cross.

PALLIUM — Rectangular woolen wrap.

SCYPHATE — Cup-shaped.

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COIN PHOTOGRAPHY - Part II

Colin Tuttle,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

In September we discussed the equipment needed to photograph coins. This month we will look at the set-up required, and will again look at the least expensive way to get quality results

So now you have your camera, and you have chosen the type of lens you will use. You are now ready to take some pictures

The first thing needed, is naturally, film. A slow (low ASA rating) film is the most desirable, as it produces the sharpest, least grainy results, something crucial to close-up photography

Black and White is the best way to get started, as there are fewer problems than with color. With black and white film there are no color temperature problems which might make a silver coin turn out gold in the print. More about that next month

For black and white, the ideal Kodak film is Pantomatic-X, which has an ASA rating of 32. It is readily available, and widely used. If, however, you can't find Panatomic-X, Plus-X can be used. Although Plus-X has a higher ASA speed of 125 it will still give good results, and is generally available everywhere.

For color prints I find that Kodak Vericolor II to be the best for very true and clear colors. It is, however, a professional film, so although it is readily available in camera stores it is not always found at the drug store, or corner store. It also should be refrigerated prior to use (this is why it

is known as a professional film - it requires refrigeration, where other films do not). Vericolor has an ASA of 125. Where Vericolor is not available, Kodacolor is a good substitution.

For color slides Kodak's Kodachrome with an ASA of 64 is a good bet. Ektachrome is a good Tungsten color slide film. More about Tungsten and Daylight film in next month's article.

Now your camera is loaded, and you are ready to shoot. Ideally you will want to set up your camera in such a way that the camera will be in a position to look down, directly to the coin. This can be accomplished in several ways. One way is to use a copy stand. This the same thing which is used in a darkroom allowing the enlarger to project the image onto the paper directly below. Another way is to use a tripod which allows the camera to be positioned so that it is looking directly down, to where the coin is placed.

The next requirement is lighting. Here again the lighting need not be elaborate. A very good lighting set up is two studio lights - available at any camera store. These are light fixtures which have a reflector attached and clamps to allow them to be positioned any way you desire. Photoflood bulbs are then used. An inexpensive way around this for black and white photos is to use two regular 100 watt bulbs in lights without shades. You will have nowhere near the control over the light, but will give

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TIM'S KOIN KORNER

W L Timmons,
Dallas, Tx.

Foreign coin collectors develop an interest in many subjects as a result of the images on the coins. Many coins depict animals, birds, fish, horses, dogs, cats, etc. Coins of Liberia feature an elephant, that little animal that lives 50 to 70 years, weighs 4,000 to 10,000 pounds, has 240-pound babies, eats several hundred pounds of vegetation and drinks 30 to 50 gallons of water daily.

Elephants were domesticated in India as far back as 2000 B.C. It first appeared on a coin in 326 B.C., with Alexander the Great trying on horseback to spear King Porus of the Punjab riding an elephant.

An important use of the elephant was in warfare. Hannibal marched his troops to Italy with 37 elephants. The Italians were terrorized because they had never seen an elephant before.

Remember the story of the elephant that fell off a cliff? The ruler (I forgot who it was) was so enchanted by the elephant's scream that he had others pushed off one at a time so he could listen to them.

Tunisia issued a 1969 silver coin honoring Hannibal. It shows Hannibal pointing to his right with elephants to his left, and foot soldiers in the background. It was issued only in proofs and catalogs for \$25. Caesar issued a coin 48-49 B.C. with an elephant trampling a snake, which was symbolic of Rome trampling Gaul.

After firearms were invented, elephants could no longer be used in battle. Gunfire caused them to panic and stampede over their own troops.

Many Thailand (Siam) coins depict elephants. In fact, the Thai emblem is an elephant. The coat of arms has a 3-headed elephant, one head facing left, one in the center and one facing right.

Other countries that have depicted elephants are Laos, Sri Lanka, (Ceylon), Israel, Zaire (Belgian Congo), and probably others. Elephants on paper notes could be the subject of another study. In a check of the above countries in the World Paper Money book, the only elephant I could find were five different notes from 100 to 10,000 francs issued 1942-44 by Zaire. I'm sure there must be many more. (Reprinted from *Antique-Flea Market News*)

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EDITOR

When a gentleman in West Chester, Pa. received the last payment he was owed by two men who were buying out his share in a farm the three had purchased, he didn't have to worry about cashing a check. That's because he received the \$6,626 63 due him in nickels (and three cents). That's 132,532 nickels or about 1,750 pounds of cash. The two ex-partners delivered the money with the assistance of a Wells Fargo truck...

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WE NEED: Back issues of TNA NEWS – all for 1961, all for 1962 and the February issue for 1965. If you have any of these copies and wish to part with them, please send to the

editor. Thanks in advance.

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The Columbian Liberty Bell specially cast by the Daughters of the American Revolution for the Columbian Exposition in Chicago (1892) was made of donated metal objects associated with the light for liberty throughout the world. Among the objects were flintlock from Thomas Jefferson's rifle, Lucretia Mott's knife, Simon Bolivar's watch chain, old coins, silver spoons, thimbles, wedding rings, 250,000 cents, and two lead bullets that supposedly met in midair to form a U (for Union) during a Civil War battle. The bell weighed 13,000 pounds and was 7 feet tall.

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Congratulations to: Freeman Craig of San Antonio and Chris Johns of Houston as recipients of their 25-year membership pins in ANA; Dallas Coin Club on winning third place in the ANA Newsletter Competition; Norma Mather of Weslaco on winning the ANA award for the publication of "La Cronica" (Maximilian Numismatic & Historical Society) in the under 100 membership class (she's editor), and

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from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Eleanor Kennady
2901 Silverleaf Dr.
Austin, Tex. 78757
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WELCOME to new members 4268-4274. If approved the following will become members Dec. 1, 1982.

4275 (D-2) Henry Shellenberger Jr., Box 162, Fort Stockton, TX. 79735. U.S. coins, E. L. "Bob" Bills.

A-4276 (D-2) Mrs. Jo Beth Shellenberger, Box 162, Fort Stockton, TX. 79735. U.S. coins, E. L. "Bob" Bills.

4277 (D-7) Michael J. Lopez, 1803 Saunders, San Antonio, TX. 78207. United States all types. Frank & Karla Galindo.

4278 (D-1) Don L. McCord, 201 S. Avenue T, Clifton, TX. 76634. Silver dollars, halves, Gerald Kendall.

4279 Bruce B. Braun, Box 270, Buffalo, N.Y. 14226. Dealer Ancient, Medieval-foreign.

4280 (D-1) Paul Hirmer, 2703 Valparaiso Trail, Arlington, TX. 76017.

U.S. coins & large notes. Gerald Kendall.

4281 (D-15) Glen E. Dowden, 3208 10th St., Port Arthur, TX. 77640. All types U.S., Canada. Jerry Williams.

APPROVED LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

LM#127 Ed Chauncey, Lubbock, TX.

LM#128 Morris L. Johnson, Stephenville, TX.

LM#129 John D. Huntley, Bryan, TX.

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TNA Dues	65.00	
TNA NEWS Ads	558.00	
Sale of 1982 Medals	156.60	
Rental of Display Cases	81.00	
Balance of Proceeds from 1982 Convention	3,734.25	
Interest Earned	20.38	4,615.23
		<hr/> 9,545.77

DISBURSEMENTS:

TNA Secretary - August Payment	150.00	
Banner Printing Company	1,414.13	
August Issue - 1350 copies	1,167.50	
Postage	171.63	
Handling	75.00	
TNA NEWS Editor - September travel allowance & August petty cash	198.72	
Luke Coin Supply - Postage for medals	60.24	
TNA President - Postage & L.D. phone calls	140.00	
TNA Secretary - Postage & petty cash	288.59	2,251.68
		<hr/> 7,294.09

Balance on hand as of September 30, 1982 7,294.09

* Operating Funds	7,188.20
* Encumbered Funds	105.89

NOTE: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purposes for which they are encumbered. The balance above includes these funds except as noted below.

TNA Memorial Library Fund as of September 30, 1982	105.89
TNA NEWS Certificate of Deposit as of Sept 30, 1982	4,142.31
Certificate of Deposit as of Sept 30, 1982	1,683.73

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EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 12-14

NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL COIN EXPOSITION, Duntley Dallas Hotel. Sponsored by NI, IBNS, SAN. **WRITE:** Charles Muchmore Jr., Box 6094, Richardson 75080.

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NOVEMBER 20-21

RED RIVER COIN CLUB (Iowa Park), coin show, Gateway Inn, 1211 Central Exp. (Hiway 281-N), Wichita Falls.

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NOVEMBER 27 - 28

PASADENA COIN CLUB, 21st annual show, Ramada Inn, Hobby Airport, 7777 Airport Blvd., Houston. **WRITE:** Ken's Coin Shop, 435 El Dorado Blvd., Suite 12, Webster 77598. 713, 488-1960.

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NOVEMBER 28

DALWORTH COIN & STAMP SHOW, Rodeway Inn at Six Flags, Arlington. **WRITE:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

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1983 SCHEDULE

JANUARY 28-30

GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB, 26th annual MONEY SHOW, Adam's Mark Hotel. **WRITE:** GHCC, Box 2963, Houston 77001.

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FEBRUARY 19-20

FORT WORTH MID-SEASON COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway. **WRITE:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

NOVEMBER, 1982

MARCH 5-6

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, San Antonio, annual show, Roadrunner Recreation Center, Fort Sam Houston.

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MARCH 19-20

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Civic Center, Lubbock.

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MARCH 24-27

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS, Sincon XIII, Airport Park Hotel, Inglewood, Calif. **WRITE:** Box 943, Santa Monica, Calif. 90406.

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APRIL 15-17

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN CONVENTION, Corpus Christi Billy Tate, General Chairman. **BOURSE:** John Face, Box 8593, Corpus Christi 78412.

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JUNE 25-26

GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB, annual show, Orange House Inn.

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AUGUST 4-7

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS, Sincon XIII, Airport Park Hotel, Inglewood, Calif. **WRITE:** Box 943, Santa Monica, Calif. 90406.

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SEPTEMBER 17-18

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual Money Mart, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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FUTURE INA CONVENTIONS

1984 - May 4-6, **TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN CONVENTION**, Amarillo.

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TEXAS

District Meetings

DISTRICT I -

Stephenville Coin Club members met in September at Red Bandana Steak House and heard a report by Morris L. Johnson, District I governor, concerning the semi-annual TNA Board meeting held in Austin



Morris L. Johnson
Governor

Richard Cook gave a talk on Civil War tokens and described the different kinds - **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

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DISTRICT III -

Members of the **Central Texas Coin Club** of Brownwood and friends of Melba Coursey joined on Sept. 21 in a special tribute expressing the sorrow felt by her death that morning.

Melba was in charge of a dinner party scheduled at Sizzler Steak House for the evening, making necessary arrangements, notifying members and inviting special guests. Melba passed away suddenly that morning but club members did not cancel the dinner - it would have been Melba's wish not to.

Gus Snodgrass, club vice president, conducted the meeting. Among the guests were Eleanor Kennedy of Austin, TNA Secretary, Miriam Gilmore, San Antonio, TNA NEWS editor, and Wally Gilmore

The September meeting of **Key City Coin Club** of Abilene was held at United Savings Bldg. Twenty six members and three guests were present for a special drawing. The prize - a silver bar - was won by Bob Kirkley.

Under new business, members discussed a call from the Convention Bureau offering assistance in having a coin show. Plans were made for the annual Christmas party on Dec. 2 at Briarstone Manor. An auction was held. - **Frances Thornton, Sec.**

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DISTRICT IV -

The Quality Inn South in Austin was a busy place over the weekend of Sept. 25-26 when **Austin Coin Club** held the annual Money Mart. All reports indicated the show was a success and many new coin collectors attended.



Robert E. Greenwood
Governor

The Austin club hosted the semi-annual TNA Board meeting as in past years and TNA officers were present from the Rio Grande Valley to Amarillo.

Dates for the 1983 Money Mart have been set for Sept. 17-18 at Quality Inn South

DISTRICT V -

Jack Spann presented a talk on different aspects of collecting coins for his collection at the meeting of **Garland Coin Club**. He stated that his first interest began in the mid 20's and early 30's when his mother made him aware of mint marks through a booklet she had ordered from Max B. Mehl, a Ft. Worth dealer. In 1963 his son gave him three steel cents and a Red Book for his birthday, so his interest began again. He also discussed coin gradings.

A note was read from Nicholson Memorial Library expressing appreciation for the club's recent donation of seven books. It was announced that Alfred G. Bromberg, a club member, had died August 21.

Gene Rowden won the door prize and C. C. Andrews conducted the auction. - **Lucretia Johnson, Sec.**

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Appointed to a nominating committee to select new officers for **Dallas Coin Club** were C. C. Andrews, Bob Koerth and Barney Welch. The annual Christmas party will be held Dec. 16 at Holiday Inn Central. Winner of the door prize was Wilson Korona.

George Johnson spoke on "Susan B. Anthony and Her \$1.00 Coin." He said the opposition to women in public affairs convinced her of the necessity of woman suffrage, the cause to which she devoted the rest of her life. She was born in 1820 and died in 1906. The 19th Amendment



Barney Welch
Governor

was passed in 1920, 14 years after her death. Johnson displayed Anthony dollars, stamps and First Day Covers.

- **Frank Clark, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VI -

Fred Baker, Orville Smider and Bernard Faulkner were named to Life Membership in **Bellaire Coin Club** as recognition of their services to the club over the years.



Al Loja
Governor

During the business session, it was reported that the 1982 coin show enriched the club treasury by \$1900.00 and members voted to have auctions at the first meeting of the month and programs during the second meeting.

At the September meeting, Mark Schulze spoke to members on his experience at the ANA Seminar for junior numismatists. Mark won his scholarship to the Seminar with the aid of Royal Coins of Houston. - **Club Bulletin.**

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The program at **Greater Houston Coin Club** September meeting as announced by Gerald Kendall was to feature a spokesman from the FBI counterfeit department.

At the August meeting door prize winners were Ellen Morrow and Morris Ray. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VII -

Election of officers to serve **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio was held in September and Edd O'Connor was re-elected president, Tom Walker, vice president, Michael Lopez, secretary, and Fred England,



Frank Galindo
Governor

treasurer. Named to the Board of Directors were Frank Galindo, Chris Ortiz and Miriam Gilmore. Frank will also served as ANA representative and Karla Galindo as TNA representative.

Discussion was held on the 1983 coin show with a possible date of Mar 5-6 at Roadrunner Recreation Center, Ft. Sam Houston - **Mike Lopez, Sec.**

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Members of **ALAMO COIN CLUB** of San Antonio had a chance to tell about a recent acquisition, a new field of collecting interest, ask questions or tell about an interesting numismatic article they read, at the Sept. 23 meeting. The meeting was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

At the Sept. 9 meeting, Del Cooke gave a program on "What? Egypt a Part of the British Commonwealth of Nations?" - **Club Bulletin.**

DISTRICT VIII -

Plans were progressing for the 1983 TNA convention according to officials of **Corpus Christi Coin Club**, host for the April 15-17 event at the new Bayfront Plaza Convention Center. Assisting the general chairman, Billy



Joe B Davis
Governor

Tate, are John Face, bourse; Norma Mather, exhibits; C H Roberts, educational programs, G W Littrell, publicity, Ouida Davis, registration, Diana Tate, entertainment; and Ross Barrera, auction.

At the Sept. 21 meeting, Joe B Davis gave a program on artifacts of Mexico - **Club Bulletin**

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Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi enjoyed a program on paper currency by Alonzo Perez at the Sept. 28 meeting. In August Ernest Howe gave a program on the Kennedy half dollar. The coin had been proposed by President Johnson on Dec. 10, 1963, 18 days after the tragic death of President Kennedy. The 1964 silver half was released during a severe coin shortage and many hoarded the coins in anticipation of future profits. This re-

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sulted in the reduction of silver confined to the outer layer of .800 fine in 1965 - **Club Bulletin**

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DISTRICT IX -

Four attended the September meeting of **Levelland Coin Club** held at Paulme's Korner. It was voted to donate \$50 to D O Joplin toward expenses for attending the semi-annual TNA Board meeting held in Austin.

The club will hold a drawing in the future and a discussion was held on what to give as prizes and when the drawing would be - **D O Joplin, Gov Dist. 9**

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Winners of special prizes of Mexico gold given by **Lamb County County Coin Club** of Littlefield were Linda Sanderson and James Johnson.

The club met at Tri-County Savings & Loan in September with nine present. It was voted to continue meeting at Tri-County. Visitors were Chas Fitzgerald and Jamey Shaw of Levelland - **D O Joplin, Gov Dist. 9**

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Hansen Ling gave a talk on coin souvenirs at the Sept. 6 meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock. He talked about trade tokens, spoons and elongated coins.

New club member is Jack McNasco and visitors included Ed McCraw. Don Henderson was voted as a life member in the club. Conducting the

auction were D O Joplin and Jim Hall - **D O Joplin, Gov Dist. 9**

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DISTRICT XI -

The **Amarillo Coin Club** met Sept. 6 in the Centennial Room of First National Bank with 22 members present. Gordon Boyle gave the market report on gold and silver which continues to rise in value.



Nela Runkle
Governor

The program was given by Homer Dotts on "The Story Behind the Story of the 5¢ Series."

Winning door prizes were Gordon Boyle, Jerry Adams, Homer Dotts, Evelyn Billingsley and Roy Wilson. - **Nela Runkle, Gov Dist. 11**

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DISTRICT XIII -

The **Red River Coin Club** will sponsor a coin show on November 20-21 at Gateway Inn in Wichita Falls. Logan L. Essex is general chairman. Home base for the club is Iowa Park.

Admission is free and the public can buy, trade and sell coins. There will also be door prizes.

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W R Lunsford introduced Thomas Eggleston as speaker at the September meeting of **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club**. He spoke on Byzantine coins and noted that there is a conflict as to when the Byzantine Empire began, it ended in 1443. All coins were uniform in design and Eggleston illustrated how to read the coin inscriptions and markings of the four

different mints. Anonymous bronze coins - featuring the head of Christ on the obverse and a statement on the reverse - were minted for 600 years. There is no way of telling which year a coin was minted. One of the first things a new Byzantine emperor would do is issue a coin in honor of the man he just eliminated. He also said the bronze coins were the coins of the people and gold ones were used for trading with other countries.

Appointed to a nominating committee were Jerry Wells, Hamilton Dye and Melvin Hoagland. John Vandunk and Wells conducted the auction. Twenty four were present - **Rebecca Pemberton, Sec.**

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DISTRICT XIV -

The **Hidalgo Coin Club** met at the Texas Commerce Bank in McAllen on Sept 1 with 26 members present. President Bert Wahl presided.

Walter Cross presented a program on Trade dollars and displayed some from his collection.

Fred Brooks, ANA club representative, gave a report on the annual convention in Boston and handed out some souvenirs. An auction followed conducted by Jack Fortson. Mrs. Paul Pontius furnished refreshments. - **Ada Lee Chisum, Gov. Dist 14**



Ada Lee Chisum
Governor

DISTRICT XV -

At a recent meeting of **Beaumont Coin Club**, Sid King gave a talk on "Collecting Egyptian Coins" giving background history of the country and its monetary system. Egypt is a country of about 50 million people, located in the northeast corner of Africa and is possibly the oldest country in existence. The monetary system includes piastres and pounds.



Jerry A. Williams
Governor

Bill Stein volunteered to take the treasurer's position which had been vacant for several months. Door prize winners were Ben Stein, King, Buck Dowden and Pat Mounier. - **Club Bulletin**

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The **Greater Orange Coin Club** met Sept 13 at Orange Community Center with Dewey Scott presiding. Plans for the annual Christmas party were made and is set for Dec 16 at Ramada Inn.

Speaker for the evening was J D Hudson who talked on mint errors. He said there were three categories - planchet errors, die errors and striking errors. In describing the planchet errors, he said that they occur due to poor mechanical bonding.

Door prize winners were Lucy Canter, Todd Dragulski, Dewey Scott, Ski Bilowich, and Mary Mires. - **Lucy Canter, Sec.**

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Members of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** are faced with finding a

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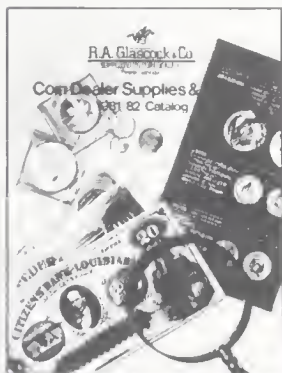
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TNA Board Meeting Held During Austin Coin Show

An appeal to locate mis-placed numismatic reference books and slide sets belonging to the TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY, a proposal designed to help stem the flow of counterfeit coins, and approval for a new club award were among the items of business discussed by Board officials of Texas Numismatic Association at a meeting held during Austin Coin Club's Money Mart at Quality Inn South on Sept. 26.

Anyone having a library book and/or slide set is asked to contact the new librarian, Elleta Havens. Several had been borrowed and were not returned. Elleta's address is 4920 Terrace Trail, Ft. Worth 76114. Phone 817 626-6783.

Bob Bills of Pontotoc proposed that TNA expand its educational program to include giving opinions as to the authenticity (not grade or value) of coins which would encourage collectors to use the ANACS service. Local clubs would appoint one or more persons at each club-sponsored show in Texas to man a table for buyers to refer their coins for a free opinion as to authenticity or whizzed or altered condition. TNA accepted this proposal pending a consultation with TNA's legal advisor. To handle details, a committee was appointed consisting of John Huntley, Joe B. Davis and Dr. Robert Greenwood.

A new award was approved for TNA club participation as presented by Morris L. Johnson, District 1 governor, who is also sponsoring the award. The new award will be known as the Colonel Raymond W. Darrah

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The Darrah award will be presented to a club selected by TNA and entry date must be postmarked no later than Mar 7 of each year. The club must have 20 or more members (a combination of both regular and junior) and the club with the highest percentage of TNA individual members will be selected. In the event of a tie the club with the highest percentage of junior members will rank the highest. Entries are to be mailed to the TNA secretary along with a roster of all club members and indication of TNA membership. If a member of TNA is a member in more than one TNA club, then each concerned can claim credit.

Billy Masters of Mullin was appointed to fill the unexpired term as TNA District 3 governor because of the death of Melba Coursey on Sept. 21. Masters' address is Box 42, Mullin 76864. Phone 915 985-3395.

Other business discussed was the sale of TNA bronze and silver medal sets from earlier years which became available due to members giving up their assigned number, announcement of silver and gold lapel pins available at \$8.50 in silver for regular, associate and junior members, and gold filled at \$10.00 and 10k gold at \$69.00 for Life Members only. A discussion on exhibits and exhibit judging was conducted by Gerald Kendall.

Those attending also previewed the

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CONVENTION OFFICIALS BUSY COMPLETING PLANS

According to reports made by TNA officials at the semi-annual Board meeting held in Austin, everything is going great for the 1983 convention scheduled for April 15-17 in Corpus Christi at Bayfront Plaza Convention Center.

Billy Tate, general chairman, has appointed committee members John Face bourse, Norma Mather exhibits; C. H. Roberts, education; Glenn Lirtrell, publicity; Ouida Davis, registration; Dianne Tate, entertainment; Ross Barrera, auction coordinator; and Floyd Briemeke, security.

Bourse tables can be reserved with John Face, bourse chairman, Box 8593, Corpus Christi 78412. Those planning to exhibit can contact Norma at 1300 S. Border #214, Weslaco, 78596. All other correspondence should be sent to Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

Pullen & Hanks, Inc. of El Paso has promised an auction of quality. Catalogues will be mailed and will be available at the convention. To consign lots or to request a catalogue, if not already on the mailing list, call toll free 1-800-351-0096.

Bayfront Plaza is a new facility in Corpus Christi — the Sparkling City by the Sea — and adequate space is available to house 150 dealers comfortably. The exhibit area is well lighted and can accommodate 50 display cases. Special rooms are set aside for the auction, lounges, educational programs and meeting rooms.

Hotel headquarters will be at La Quinta Royale and all are urged to

make reservations as soon as possible. A shuttle bus will be provided between the hotel and convention center.

Plan to attend and bring the family and friends for a weekend vacation. Corpus Christi, on the shore of the Gulf of Mexico, offers many water-related activities — fishing, swimming, beachcombing — and a tour of the historic city, a drive over Harbor Bridge or a visit to Corpus Christi Museum will long be remembered.

UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR —

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to Ruby Threlkeld of La Marque on her election to the Board of International Order of Wooden Money Collectors. If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

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The latest edition of the Consumer Information Catalog listing almost 30 agencies of the Federal Government has an interesting one under Travel and Hobbies — "How to Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro". If you want to take up a new hobby, you can send for the booklet — it's free! We thought you'd like to know. You heard about the fellow who went into business on a shoestring and tripled his investment? Now, he's trying to figure out what to do with three shoestrings, adios and thirty.

EVENTS CALENDAR —

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1985 - April 16-20, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN CONVENTION, El Paso

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1986 - TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN CONVENTION, Ft. Worth

Funeral Services Held In Brownwood For Melba Coursey, TNA Governor

Family and friends were saddened by the sudden death of Melba Coursey, TNA District 3 governor, on Sept. 21.

Melba was TNA governor for District 3 at the time of her death, was active in the Central Texas Coin Club of Brownwood and served as treasurer. She was president of the Brown County Historical Society, served on the Brown County Museum Board and was a member of the Women's Club. Melba also was editor-publisher of County Progress, a monthly magazine for the County Judges and Commissioners Assn. of Texas, taking over those duties when her husband, Clark, died in 1978. She and Clark were co-owners of Banner Printing Co., where TNA NEWS has been published for the past 20 years. Melba was named Woman of the Year for 1981 by the Brownwood Jaycees.

Born in Zephyr, Tx., a small town near Brownwood, on Feb. 4, 1913, Melba began her professional career as society editor for the Brownwood Bulletin.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church on Sept. 23. Melba is survived by two sons, Pat and Sam Coursey, both of Brownwood, and several grandchildren.

COIN PHOTOGRAPHY —

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satisfactory results where budget is a factor.

There are many lighting set ups which can be used. One simple way which gives good results is to place two lights directly across from each other with the coin in the center. The lights are then placed at about 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock in relation to the coin. This gives a good even flow of light, giving depth to the coin. You can then adjust the lights so as to avoid any strong shadows, glare, or other distractions. Look through the viewfinder and experiment until you get the desired result or effect.

Now you have an idea about lighting, your camera is ready, pointing down on the coin. One trick to get good results is to put the coin on a sheet of 8 1/2" by 11" pane of glass which is elevated by four coin tubes or film canisters. You can then put any color of paper you want for a background, or a white sheet of paper for black and white. The coin will then have a floating appearance, giving it a professional look.

Now before you click the shutter, use your light meter, and adjust the settings as it dictates. One final tip - try to use an aperture between f5.6 and f11. These tend to give you the best definition.

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TREASURER'S REPORT — (Continued from page 10)

Interest Earned	66.84
Certificate of Deposit as of September 30, 1982	1,750.57
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Royal Mint Issues PNC Commemorating 20 Pence

Britain's Royal Mint has issued a Philatelic-Numismatic Cover (PNC) to mark the first day issue of the new 20 Pence coin which entered the United Kingdom's circulating currency in June. Struck in cupro-nickel the hexagonal coin is mounted in the bottom left-hand corner of the cachet, set within its own "acrylic window." In the top right-hand corner, the envelope bears the 1512 pence light violet postage stamp of Wales and Monmouth with the portrait of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, common to all current U.K. definitive issues; together with the symbolic Welsh Dragon featured in its top left corner. The stamp is catalogued as Scott #36 and was first issued on Feb. 24, 1982.

The specially designed pictorial cancellation stamp dated June 9, 1982 used by the British post office, bears a rendering of "Britannia Moneta," a unique historical design. The figure of Britannia has been long associated with British coinage since 119 A.D. when she first appeared on a Roman Imperial coin struck during the reign of Hadrian, the famous wall builder. Britannia Moneta (Britannia striking coins) first appeared on a souvenir medal for the British Empire Exhibition in 1924. The design, created by Langford Jones, shows Britannia striking a coin by the old fashioned "Hammer" method.

The 20 Pence PNC is priced at \$6.00 (U.S.) and \$7.50 (CAN) and is available from the British Royal Mint., % Barclays Bank, Box 2560, New York, NY 10163.

SOCIETY ISSUES NEW PRICE LIST

A current price list for Croatian bank notes issued by the Independent State of Croatia, 1941-45, is available from the Croatian Numismatic Society, 1512 Lancelot, Borger, TX 79007.

The list is free to all interested collectors when accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Also available is a 300-page catalog which lists coins, paper money, stamps and military decorations of Croatia, illustrated and priced, for \$20 post-paid.

DISTRICT MEETINGS —

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new meeting place having to give up the Community Room at First Federal Savings & Loan. Buck Dowden informed members that the new Ramada Inn on Highway 73 would be ready for the 1983 coin show.

The program was given by Jim Eldridge on "Counterfeit Coins - Having a Greed for Them." He said he would only buy counterfeits for the gold and silver content.

Winning door prizes were K. Albertson, J. D. Hudson, Glenn Dowden and Buck Dowden • William H. Stein, Sec.

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For an application write Greater Houston Coin Club, Box 2963, Houston 77001

TNA BOARD MEETING —

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1983 TNA medal design submitted by 14-year old Tim Tate of Corpus Christi.

Those attending also previewed the 1983 TNA medal design submitted by 14-year-old Tim Tate of Corpus Christi. His was the winning entry in a contest sponsored by Corpus Christi Coin Club, host club for the TNA convention. Frank Galindo of San Antonio is completing the art work and a photo will soon be available to TNA NEWS.

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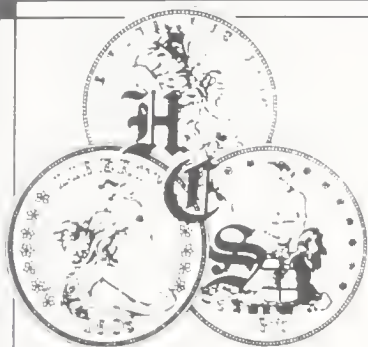
The collection, formed over a long period of time contains many rarities, Proofs, "finest knowns," and other desirable pieces. For more information on the sale write Bowers & Ruddy Galleries, Dept. U.S.G.C., 5525 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036

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A gold coin of 500 Ringgits was struck by Malaysia to commemorate the 4th Malaysia Plan, launched by former Prime Minister, TN Hussein Onn, whose portrait is on the obverse. The coat of arms of Malaysia is displayed on the reverse.

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